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SUBJECT: IRANIAN F-5A'S FOR JORDAN

REF: TEHRAN 3741

1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT DURING VISIT OF RYAL JORDANIAN AIR FORCE C-IN-C, BRIG. GEN ABOUD SALIM TO IRAN MAY 5-13, LATTER DISCUSSED WITH IIAF COMMANDER GENERAL KHATEMI POSSIBILITY OF JORDAN RECEIVING 20 FMS-PROCURED F-5A'S AS GIFT FROM IRAN, ONCE LATTER PHASED OUT OF IIAF. REFTEL ALSO REPORTED THAT KHATEMI SUGGESTED KING HUSSEIN WRITE LETTER TO SHAH REQUESTING SURPLUS F-5A'S AND PROMISED SALIM THAT KHATEMI WOULD SUPPORT KING HUSSEIN'S REQUEST.

3. BRIG SALIM HAS NOW INFORMED EMBASSY AMMAN, THAT AFTER TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR HELMS AND JUST PRIOR ABOUD'S DEPARTURE FROM TEHRAN KHATEMI DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH SHAH AND LATTER SAW NO PROBLEM REGARDING GIFT OF THE SURPLUS F-5A'S TO JORDAN. KHATEMI SUGGESTED KING HUSSEIN SEND LETTER TO SHAH FORMALIZING REQUEST. SALIM INFORMED US HE WILL SO ADVISE KING HUSSEIN UPON LATTER'S RETURN FROM MOROCCO AND WILL RECOMMEND THAT IF KING CARRIES OUT HIS PLANS TO VISIT GULF STATES
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HE STOP OFF IN TEHRAN TO MAKE REQUEST FOR F-5A AIRCRAFT IN

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